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GENEVA FOR AMB. GEORGE ALDRICH FROM TODMAN

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SUBJECT: BAHAMAS MILITARY FACILITIES NEGOTIATIONS

REF: (A) STATE 098221 (B) NASSAU 853 (C) STATE 04400
(D) NASSAU 874 (E) NASSAU 868

I. DEPT DESIGNATES AMBASSADOR GEORGE H. ALDRICH TO LEAD
MILITARY FACILITIES NEGOTIATING TEAM AFTER COMPLETION

IN MAY OF HIS WORK AT CURRENT SESSION OF THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE IN GENEVA. WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST SPECIFIC DATES FOR RESUMED NEGOTIATIONS TO CONFORM TO AMBASSADOR ALDRICH'S AVAILABILITY AS FOLLOWS.

2. THE FIRST SESSION (TECHNICAL) COULD BE DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 30-JUNE 2 IN EITHER WASHINGTON OR NASSAU DEPENDING ON GCOB PREFERENCES. THE SECOND SESSION (SUBSTANTIVE) ON MILITARY FACILITIES COULD BE JULY 5-7 IN NASSAU. WHILE WE ARE WILLING TO HOST THE SESSIONS IN WASHINGTON, INTELLIGENCE REPORTING SUGGESTS THAT ADDERLEY AND HIS TEAM MIGHT BE MORE COMFORTABLE IN NASSAU.

3. ACCORDINGLY, DEPT PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING LETTER AS A FOLLOW UP TO LETTER (REFS A AND C) DELIVERED APRIL 26 PER NASSAU 0897.

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. MINISTER:
AMBASSADOR SCHWARTZ AND DR. HODGSON HAVE REPORTED TO ME ON THEIR MEETING WITH YOU MONDAY, APRIL 24. WE LOOK FORWARD TO RESUMING MILITARY FACILITIES NEGOTIATIONS IN A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND UNDERSTANDING APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE NEIGHBORS.

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AMBASSADOR GEORGE ALDRICH HAS BEEN ASKED TO LEAD THE U.S. TEAM IN THE MILITARY FACILITIES NEGOTIATIONS. HE WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER HE FINISHES HIS WORK AT THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE IN GENEVA.

I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT NEGOTIATIONS RESUME DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 30 TO JUNE 2 IN EITHER NASSAU OR WASHINGTON. WE SHARE YOUR HOPE THAT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE COMPLETED SOON.

WITH PERSONAL BEST REGARDS, I REMAIN

SINCERELY,

TERENCE A. TODMAN
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE

END TEXT.

4. FYI - MESSAGE DOES NOT SUGGEST DATES FOR INITIAL MARITIME BOUNDARY NEGOTIATIONS BECAUSE DEPT WILL PROBABLY

NOT BE READY TO BEGIN THEM UNTIL JULY AT THE EARLIEST AND WE WISH TO MAINTAIN SEPARATION FROM MILITARY FACILITIES NEGOTIATIONS. AS YET, WE HAVE NO AGREED MARITIME BOUNDARY POSITION. MESSAGE IS THEREFORE DESIGNED TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO ADDERLEY'S 'ABOUT FACE' WITHOUT SETTING A SPECIFIC DATE FOR MARITIME NEGOTIATIONS. END FYI

5. IN DELIVERING MESSAGE, EMBASSY SHOULD EXPRESS SATISFACTION THAT GCOB IS NOW WILLING TO PROCEED IN THE MARITIME BOUNDARY NEGOTIATIONS. YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT U.S.G. WILL NEED SOME TIME TO COORDINATE A SPECIFIC

POSITION AND THAT THE EARLIEST DATE FOR NEGOTIATIONS WOULD PROBABLY BE JULY. YOU SHOULD ALSO STRESS THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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WE VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO SUCH NEGOTIATIONS IN A POSITIVE SPIRIT OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND UNDERSTANDING APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE NEIGHBORS.

6. FOR AMBASSADOR ALDRICH: THIS CONFIRMS YOUR TELCONS WITH ARA/CAR. I GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO TAKE ON A COMPLEX NEGOTIATION ON SHORT NOTICE. ALL THE PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE U.S. TEAM AND THEIR OFFICES ARE PREPARED TO GIVE YOU THEIR COMPLETE SUPPORT. PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR AVAILABILITY ON THE DATES INDICATED BY RETURN TELEGRAM TO NASSAU INFO SECSTATE AND DOD.

7. FOR NASSAU: YOU SHOULD DELIVER MESSAGE (PARAGRAPH THREE ABOVE) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER RECEIPT OF TELEGRAM FROM AMBASSADOR ALDRICH CONFIRMING HIS AVAILABILITY. VANCE

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